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Now let me explain to you how nicely I have arranged it for those who have a ready paid their dollar. If you want those additional publications to read during the long winter evenings, all you have to do is to send me 30 cents and you get them. If you prefer you can send 15 2-cent stamps.

AMONG THE SUBS.
The month of February we feel seven subscriptions short of the same month a year ago—88 against 95. However, the weather was very bad last week and nobody did anything. Not a hustler reported. The following was received up to the close of the month Saturday.

Morley—Ewing Carter, R. J. Earles, W. J. Huffstutler, C. S. Sharkey.
Blodgett—P. H. Whitt, Rolley Riley, Joe Ware.
Benton—Andy Bellis, Wm. Ellis, Vanduse—J. A. York and E. R. York.
Oran—W. E. McLean, Commerce—J. A. Sanders, Sikeston—Joe Hutchison, Illinois—Henry Uelsmann, New Hamburg—Two, W. J. Stone, Clarkson: Isaac Tippy, Canaan: R. J. Cave, Bismarck.

The weather is clearing. Let's make up in March the shortage for February—and then some. Get busy.

COUNTY COURT DOINGS.
In the matter of private road petitioned by Joe Schosser, et al. near Randles, August Halter is allowed \$95 for right of way to be paid to county treasurer before next term of court by petitioners, together with costs.

Slices on special road district allowed \$3,633.50 for taxes collected from property in said district. Appointment of Harold Stubbiefield as deputy recorder approved. In the matter of road petitioned by B. M. Swank, et al. B. M. and Edgar relieved as contractors. In the matter of Fornfelt and Chaffee road through Pettz farm, commissioners report damage of \$333 each to Mrs. Mona Pettz, Mrs. Minnie Springer, Adolph Springer, Anna Sander, Wm. Sander and Henry Pettz, Jr., and amounts allowed. Also Commissioners L. J. Pannengueher, Louis Dohogne and C. B. Schutter, \$2 each and Leo Dohogne \$1.00 for notary fees.

Bonds of Christ Heisserer, John Gosche, Frank Kippel, Wm. Morley, Chas. Bertrant, H. W. Sander, T. E. Chewning, A. A. Evans and Wm. Moore, road overseers, approved. Collector Buck asked further time to make annual settlement, and is given to March 11. The usual allowances to road overseers and others were made and court adjourned to March 11.

LIVERY AND FEED STABLE.
J. FRANK GRANT, VANDUSER, MO.
Rigs furnished at all times for drives into any part of county.

BUSINESS LOCALS.
EGGS! From full-blood Barred Rocks for setting, \$1.00 for 15; \$2.50 for 45 and \$5.00 for 100. 7-3t. Mrs. C. M. Murray, Commerce.
For Sale—A span of mules. Price \$250. This is a bargain.
7-1t. Ahrens & Pfefferkorn, Oran.
For Sale—A team of 8-year-old mules. Reasonable. R. C. Williams, Morley, Mo. Route 2.
For Sale—200 bales of good pea hay. S. J. Wade, Benton Mo. 3-1t. Read the unmuzzled Kicker.

HELLO! New Millinery and Ladies' Furnishing Shop
Just opened up south of R. R. tracks in Bollinger's building. Special orders given prompt attention. Altering free. All Ladies invited to call.
MRS. N. R. SCHISM, FORTNELT.



THAT CHAFFEE LETTER.
The letter published in the Kicker a few weeks ago from a Chaffee Catholic caused considerable comment. A few days after it appeared I learned, on what I considered pretty good authority, who the writer was. As before stated in these columns, he is a splendid citizen, honest, and a good Catholic—above the average in intelligence. He is not a subscriber to the Kicker. Last week I wrote him as follows:

Friend—Chaffee, Mo.
I am mailing you a sample copy of Kicker, and I want you to read carefully the article "In the Dark Ages" I want you to read it WITHOUT PREJUDICE, and use that good, common horse sense that I know you have. After you have read it, then I want you to INVESTIGATE and see if it is true. I believe you will do this—else I would not go to the trouble of writing you. If you find it to be true, you will be no more shocked than I was when the light began to break. If, after investigating, you should find that the Kicker hasn't told the truth about the general conditions existing at that period, come in and I will give one of those \$10 gold pieces as pay for your trouble of investigating. If you have no standard encyclopedia or history handy, you may have the use of mine. One that I understand the PRESENT without knowing the PAST. Resp.

PHIL A. HAFNER.
I want other Catholics to regard the above letter as addressed to them—and INVESTIGATE. If the Kicker is wrong I want to find it out. That Kicker Catholic who said he could prove that what the Kicker is saying is "perfectly not so" has failed to come across with his proof. Perhaps he is investigating. I hope so. That is all I ask. And it is the one thing the priests dare not permit. That is why they put the "ban" on any paper or book that might tell it.

HERE AND YONDER.
The Appeal to Reason has a good cartoon drawn by Ryan Walker that tells a true story. Henry Dubb, a working man, is going along the street with a case labelled "Champaign." He meets preachers and temperance workers who are shocked and give him much good advice. The illustration points to the scene as an illustration of why the workers are poor. Henry does not understand what it all means and presently delivers the package at the home of Banker Smith, who generously rewards Henry by giving him a dime and cautions him not to spend it for booze. Richard Howard, son of a very wealthy St. Louis family, is a Rube. He went to New York last December and married a society lady that belongs to that class that tells you Socialists are frogs. Now he wants a divorce. In his petition he complains that this very fashionable lady of the upper crust goes out with other men, loses them in public and actually comes home so drunk she cannot navigate without assistance. A thing so common as that among our best people ought not to be good grounds for divorce.

D. B. Wyatt and Thos. Hughes both St. Francois county citizens were found dead in the road last week. Wyatt had been drinking heavily at Bismarck. A searching party found his wagon upset and his dead body near by. Hughes had been drinking at Farmington and his body was found next morning frozen stiff. Both have families.

Scarcely a week passes that St. Francois county papers do not tell of fatal accidents in the mines. Last week it was Peter Krokato, a Russian, who was killed by a rock falling on his head from the roof of the mine. But work people are cheap. The mine owners take better care of their mules.

The thing is going a little too far. Down at Hartt some fellow stole four chickens from Rev. Rankin and the Crittle saw exactly says that a man who would steal a chicken from a Methodist preacher would take a stick of candy from a baby.

Hartt had a \$10,000 fire last week destroying the Commercial hotel, Meaters' saloon, a picture show and other buildings. The fire originated in the hotel.

The boiler of a dredge boat down in Dunklin county blew up Friday, destroying the boat and blowing the engineer into the ditch.

Leo, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simmons, was shot in the eye with an arrow Saturday—the bow being in the hands of a playmate.

Say, Rube, why is it that every fellow who lives in the sweat of the other fellow's face is agin Socialism? Ever think about that? Some men want to go to heaven on "flowery beds of ease," others want to get Socialism in the same way. Caruthersville reports a \$50,000 fire—an entire block from the Petty hotel to the Stephens saloon.

Miss Effie Seifert, who has been visiting Mrs. Chas. Harris, returned to St. Louis Saturday. Lex McClannahan will have a sale of his personal property March 14 near Vanduser. W. J. Stone came up from Clarkton recently to see how we were all getting along. Mrs. N. B. Cavanah died at her home in Benton Saturday. M. L. and Chas. Vandyke of Cary were in Benton Saturday.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
Joe Schlosser of Randles passed thru here Monday on his way to Benton on road matters. Perhaps he was after some expert tips on road building and went to inspect the Benton streets.

Joe Glueck, wife and baby of Ellis, and the Misses Rosa and Lena Halter of Benton spent Saturday night and Sunday with their brother, Chas. Halter and family.

Father Moenig, Joe Schuemer, Frank Kern and Leo Grojean and wife were at Benton Saturday, while Mar. in Bismarck and Joe Schuler went to Lambertville.

Sol Diebold, who has been confined to his home for the past month, hauled wood to Benton on Monday. He was threatened with pneumonia.

After being shut down for a few weeks on account of bad weather, John Hahn started up his mill again Monday at John Kern's. Hugo and Joe Legrand drove over to Ellis Sunday. Hugo went to visit his aunt, while Joe went to visit Hugo's aunt's daughter.

Phillip and Joseph Urhahn spent Sunday afternoon with the family of Leo Bucher, and Theodore Goetz visited with the family of August Glaus.

Some two weeks ago the stork was in the neighborhood and left a bouncing boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Ziegler.

Leo Gosche Sr., one of the carpenters of Westrich crew chopped in his knee, and is at home nursing the stove.

Miss Alvina Bischer celebrated birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Biattel, Tuesday of last week.

Leo Westrich, our horse man, took a swing around the circle in Oran, via Bieda and Chaffee Saturday, advertising his stock.

Joe Enderle and his best girl of Kelso spent Saturday night with the family of his brother Frank, near Oran.

Wm. and Louis Hahn built a shed over the saw mill for their brother John, at the John Kern place.

Monday the first wild geese were noticed going north, which indicates that winter is over.

Wm. Pfefferkorn of Chaffee spent Sunday with the family of his brother Joe.

August Glaus, Mike Link and Leo Westrich of this place were at Oran, Saturday. Zeno Westrich has bought a team of horses, and will start farming. Max and Ben Hirschowitz from Oran, were seen in our town Sunday.

FROM KELS0
It is reported that Father Moenig of New Hamburg sold 350 acres of his (not God's) land to one of his parishioners for \$32 per acre. He bought this land at \$33. It is said. Nineteen dollars an acre is a pretty good profit for a poor devil to have to dig out. This priest bought 120 from O. B. Kinder of Jackson at \$27 per acre. What use has a priest for land, anyway? How much did Jesus own? Or Peter and the other apostles? Judas might have got some land with his 30 pieces of silver—had he not hung himself.

Joe Heuring, who has been on an extended visit to New Hamburg, returned Sunday and a young lady was very happy over the return of the prodigal.

Rumor has it that one of our young men swung on the gate until it broke down. Pete Calliot might know something about it.

Lawrence Margeaux went out to look after his farm Monday and says the ocean has changed location and is now on his farm.

The August Halter family, formerly of Randles, are now located here. Mr. Halter and Bob Powell were at Randles Saturday.

Joe Glueck was at Jackson Wednesday and Frank Legrand was there Thursday and bought a fine team of mules.

A letter from Joe Resell, who is in Oklahoma, says he has put in 80 acres of oats to be followed by corn planting.

Andrew Halter of the Benton butcher shop was here Saturday with beef, and expects to come every Saturday.

Jess and Fred Logel painted their auto Saturday. Fred wants something to attract the girls—since he can't.

Peter Calliot, our barber, pool room operator and restaurant man will move into the Kern building.

Joe F. Diebold has repaired and is moving into his residence that he bought of Mrs. Anna Lauck.

Miss Susie Resell, who has been staying in Cape county with her sister, is with home folks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Logel have returned from their "honeymoon" and will make their home here.

Albert Biattel went fishing last week, but didn't get any. He has gone to work for Joe Biattel.

Joe Enderle and Miss Louisa Schlosser drove to near Oran to visit relatives.

Many from here attended the dance at Anceil Feb. 24 and had a go odttime.

FROM FORTNELT.
Mrs. N. A. Schism has returned from St. Louis where she secured the services of Miss Hazel Robertson to assist in the ladies furnishing and millinery establishment.

Baumgartner's saloon license expired last week and he made no effort to renew. He has converted the place into a restaurant and lodging house.

E. F. Hunze is putting a metal roof on the boiler room of the box factory and Eugene Tunnel is helping him.

W. B. Adkins has moved his little stock of groceries to Commerce where he will join his son-in-law H. R. Lynn, in the restaurant business.

A man from Poplar Bluff was here looking for a location for a gentle furnishing store and seemed favorably impressed with our town.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kinder last week and left a son.

B. F. Earles of Morley was a business visitor here a couple of days last week.

Jess Odom, who is working at Marke's store at Ilmo was considerably hurt by a fall shortly after leaving the store one night last week.

Marshall Burfield spent several days in Illinois last week.

The stockholders of the Kelso telephone line met last week to arrange for better communications with the Commerce line.

Paul Blaes is at the Texarkana hospital where he is being treated for a wound received some time ago that is giving trouble.

Sam Cannon, who has been spending some time with his daughter, at the Cape, is back on the job again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Finch left Saturday for a visit to her parents in Illinois, and Ed. Schriefer was at Cairo Friday.

Joe Keller has sold the Jefferson Hotel at Ilmo and will probably return to Illinois.

Miss Minnie Altenthal returned from a visit to Jackson Sunday.

Julius Vasterling is building a house for Mrs. Charles Knopp.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brenke Sunday.

J. Frank Scherer of Benton was here Saturday.

Notes given for the building of our Methodist church are falling due and there seems to be a scarcity of funds. Subscribers are not falling over each other to meet the promises to pay. Now if the Methodists had a convenient purgatory and could sell indulgences that would fetch the coin in a steady stream.

Somebody put copies of the Sunday Visitor and the Menace in Uncle Jim's mail box. He ventured a somewhat foggy opinion as to what he thought of the Menace, but he was as silent as the grave concerning what he thinks of the Sunday Visitor. Uncle Jim is a politician of rare vintage.

An infant of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fink of Newburg, died and was brought here for burial in the Friend Cemetery Friday. James Drury grand-father of the child, was here from the Cape to attend the funeral.

A party representing the Appleton Brewery was here looking over the prospects for another saloon here, but it seems he did not get much encouragement.

Several dozen chickens have disappeared from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLean of late.

Andrew Schoen of Ellis, Louis Schitter and Andy Butler of New Hamburg were here Tuesday.

Joe Pobst, the carpenter, says he will have to go over to Perkins to build up that town.

Constable Ringo and family have returned from their trip south.

Nick Ledure and Frank Arnold of near Commerce were here Saturday.

Miss Cora Legrand returned Tuesday from a visit to Charleston.

J. D. O'Connor of near Vanduser was here Thursday of last week.

Joe Schlosser and Wm. Halter of Randles were here Saturday.

Joe Mier of near Randles sold a lot of cattle to Mr. McFadden.

The Kicker is read here by more people than any other paper.

J. C. Sanders has returned from a visit to his sister at Bernie.

John Heeb and Ike Eilers of Chaffee was here Friday.

Mike Scherer and family visited near Rockview Sunday.

Joe Pfefferkorn was at DeRay Wednesday.

FROM MORLEY.
Miss Maud Miller, who is teaching at Vanduser, visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

H. H. Daugherty, who has been very ill for the past few weeks is improving.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Earles died Monday.

Mr. Chas. Bertrand, of Benton, visited here Monday.

Rev. Dorris is sick.

WHAT SOCIALISM IS
Socialism is the opposite of capitalism—our present form of industry and government. And capitalism is guilty of about all the meanness they seek to lay at the door of the Socialist.

The capitalists—the enemies of Socialism say that Socialism will destroy the homes, when as a matter of fact capitalism has already destroyed the homes of nearly seven tenths of the American people. Socialism will not destroy homes but will enable those who are willing to work three or four hours a day to have a real home, a home worthy that sacred name—not a rented shack.

The capitalists say that Socialism is against religion. Let us see. You know full well the Socialists are not in power through out this country at present. Yet I saw a statement made by a Memphis minister the other day that at least 95 per cent of the laborers do not attend church. It would seem from that statement that capitalism is fast destroying religion.

But Socialism will not destroy religion. In fact, Socialism has no more to do with religion than any other political party. Socialism does not deal with the future of man, but with his present state or condition. It does not seek to obtain for man a home beyond the stars, but a home right here and now.

Again, the enemies of Socialism tell you that Socialism will destroy the incentive to work. Say, Mr. Day-Laborer or Tenant Farmer, what is your incentive today. Either one of you get only a bare living for the most excessive toll. You work long hours each day in the year, and at the close of each year when you balance your books, you have—nothing multiplied by two. For all your toil you are permitted to live in a rented shack and have your board and clothes—provided, of course, you don't eat and wear too much, and what you do get is of the very cheapest. In other words, you get about one-fourth of what you produce now—the other three-fourth go to the idle class. Under Socialism you will not get one-fourth of what you produce, but ALL you produce. Now, Mr. Laborer, which destroys the incentive to work—capitalism by letting you take one-fourth of what you produce, or Socialism by letting you take it all?

Our critics say Socialism will reduce the laborer to a mere machine—a cog in a great machine. What are you now but a cog in the capitalist machine of production? In a great many cases you have lost your identity—your name—and are known only by number. You must go at the beck and call of your boss. You must be there when the whistle blows or another cog will take your place.

The enemies of Socialism say it will destroy individuality. How about the individuality of the worker under capitalism? What chance has the factory hand, the section hand or the tenant farmer to show his individuality—to develop the best there is in him? His life is a ceaseless round of toil for the barest existence. He receives enough for one day's work to buy food to give him strength to work the next day—and no more. And, above all, what chance have the little boys and girls in the factories to develop themselves? They are reduced to machines—coined into dollars to fill the coffers of the factory owners. But, under Socialism, when he who works will get all he produces, then each individual can develop the very best there is in him.

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